

May 30, 2006

Town of Wenham
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of Tuesday, May 2, 2006
Bessie Buker Multi Media Room – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Tanous, Chair; Peter Hersee; Don Pickard
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley

Mr. Tanous opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and said the Shade Tree Public Hearing regarding the potential removal of selected trees along Route 97 proposed by the National Grid, went over a few minutes. He added that he and Mr. Hersee have scheduled a walk through of Route 97 with National Grid on May 10th.

Fire Department

Mr. Pickard said that Fire Chief Blanchard is making recommendation to the BOS to remove the “Acting” titles of three Officers identified as:

Stephen Kavanagh – Deputy Chief

Jeffrey Baxter – Captain

Dan Sullivan – Captain

He stated that each firefighter has successfully gone through the transition program.

Mr. Pickard moved to appoint Stephen Kavanagh a Deputy Chief of the Wenham Fire Department. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pickard moved that Jeffrey Baxter be appointed a Captain of the Wenham Fire Department. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pickard moved that Dan Sullivan be appointed a Captain of the Wenham Fire Department.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Town Clerk, Fran Young was present and swore in Stephen Kavanagh as Deputy Chief, Jeffrey Baxter as Captain and Dan Sullivan as Captain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Pickard announced that the Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, May 6th with the elections in the morning and the meeting in the afternoon. Mr. Tanous reminded people to bring their warrant books, which were recently delivered to their homes, to the town meeting and that the meeting Warrant is posted on the town's web page.

He identified that the ballot vote for any override issues is May 11th.

Mr. Pickard also announced that the Building Committee is holding a public forum on May 3rd to review and update the public regarding the town hall and police station project.

Bagged Leaf Pick up – May 13th

Mr. Pickard announced that there is a bagged leaf pickup on May 13th and that seniors can pick up bags at the COA office.

Senior Tax Work Off Program

Mr. Tanous reminded residents that qualified seniors can still participate during May and June in the Senior Work Off program which allows seniors to be able to work for the town in exchange for a credit applied towards their property tax bill.

OLD BUSINESS

May 6th Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Review and Positions

Mr. Chelgren stated that after working with Town Counsel and the Conservation Commissioners, he recommended that the BOS take action on Article 12.

Mr. Hersee moved that the BOS recommend favorable action on Article 12. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Annual Appointments – Final vote May 23rd

Mr. Hersee stated that the annual appointments for all town committees, board members and certain officers in town will be made at the BOS meeting on May 23rd. Anyone interested in not continuing to serve needs to notify the Town Administrator's office.

Insurance Advisory Comm. & Salary Survey

Mr. Chelgren reported that the Insurance Advisory Committee continues to meet and a final recommendation may be ready for the May 23rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hersee said that Habitat for Humanity is holding their 4th annual 5 k race through Hamilton on Sunday, May 21st and are requesting to use the restrooms at Pingree Park.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve this request. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

H-W CATV Inter-municipal Agreement Extension – July 1, 2006

Mr. Chelgren requested that the BOS approve an extension for the joint H-W CATV Inter-Municipal Agreement to set up the Public Access Corporation by July 1, 2006, noting that the Selectmen previously extended the agreement to March 1, 2006.

Mr. Tanous moved to approve the extension to July 1, 2006. Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports

Mr. Chelgren requested authorization to pay for Legal Services from Palmer and Dodge for the review of the Verizon Contract out of the Cable TV funds, noting that Hamilton and Wenham equally share the cost of \$7,400.00.

Mr. Hersee moved to authorize payment to Palmer and Dodge. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the BOS meeting minutes of April 25, 2006 with edits as indicated. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pickard moved to adjourn the meeting of BOS at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.